



Minutes

CAPM Board of Directors Meeting
July 17, 2014
5:00PM – 7:00PM
Lady Slipper Room, Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, MN 55155

Madame Chair Batika called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Tenzin Dolkar, CAPM's new Legislative Liaison, introduced herself. David Maeda, a newly appointed Board member representing the Japanese community, introduced himself.

II. COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Dr. Leon Rodriguez presented on behalf of MNCSU about Charting the Future for a Prosperous Minnesota. Highlights of the presentation included how MNCSU is serving its growing students of color population, current graduation and college readiness rates, MNCSU's next steps, and an ask for collaboration with CAPM to help increase educational attainment rates within some Asian Pacific Minnesotan ethnic communities.

III. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ananda Liyanapathirana

Elsa Batika

David Maeda

Hedy Tripp

Hoeun Hach

Danny Lee

Mukhtar Thakur

Priya Outar

Shanti Shah

Tran Nhon

Tsewang Ngodup

State Representative Joe Mullery

State Representative Carolyn Laine

Marie McCarthy, Legislative Assistant to State Senator Alice Johnson

Staff: Sia Her, Karina Vang, Tenzin Dolkar, and Angelina Nguyen.

Absent: Adeel Lari, George Thaw Moo, Shivanthi Sathanandan, Melissa Kwon, and State Senator Fong Hawj.

With 11 out of 15 voting members present, there was a quorum.



IV. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Madame Chair Batika presented to the board the minutes of April 17, 2014.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Tripp asked to be addressed as "Ms." rather than "Mrs." in the Minutes.

On the issue of whether or not a Council Member represents an Asian community or the collective, Madame Chair Batika consulted with the Attorney General's Office. She asked the question, "How are other Boards? How does our Council Board compare with other Boards in terms of representation? What is our appointment – to represent our community or something else?" The answer is that the appointment application form requires an applicant to check the box that identifies the community s/he "represents." For example, Madame Chair Batika "represents" the Filipino community while she "serves" the whole Asian community. Mr. Tran asked for a written response from the AG's Office for CAPM's record. Madam Chair Batika asked that staff follow up with the AG's office for this written statement; the Board agreed.

MOTION: To approve June 5, 2014 meeting minutes.

BY: Mr. Lee and Ms. Shah seconded. *Motion was unanimously approved.*

V. APPROVAL OF JULY 2014 MEETING AGENDA

Madame Chair Batika presented to the board the agenda of July 17, 2014.

MOTION: To approve July 17, 2014 meeting agenda.

BY: Mr. Tran and Dr. Ngodup seconded. *Motion was unanimously approved.*

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Representative Mullery reported successes with the following legislations: minority businesses' ability to compete for state contracts, increased funding for English Language Learners, and increased number of early learning scholarships. He'll continue to advocate for cultural competency to be included in the Parent Aware rating system.

Senator Johnson and Representative Laine will give their legislative updates at CAPM 2014 Legislative Recap Panel on July 19, 2014.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A copy of the Executive Director's Report and updated budget were provided to everyone. The floor was open for questions and comments.

Ms. Her directed the Board's attention to the budget and took questions. CAPM will carry over unused funds from last fiscal year to this fiscal year. Mr. Tran asked Board members to anticipate how to invest an extra \$29,000; the final decision will be discussed and voted on in the future.



Madame Chair Batika called for a motion to approve budget.

MOTION: To approve budget for FY 2014-15.

BY: Mr. Tran and Mr. Liyanapathirana seconded. Votes: 10 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstention by Mr. Thakur. *Motion was approved.*

VIII. DISCUSSION: DESTINATION MEDICAL CENTER

Madame Chair Batika shared with the Board that the Destination Medical Center is a multi-billion dollar project spearheaded by the Mayo Clinic and the state and that Mr. Lari expressed concern that the Asian Pacific Minnesotan community has had little input and there is currently no plan to engage communities of color. Mr. Thakur asked that CAPM's E.D. meet with the other councils' executive directors to learn more about the state of the DMC and if possible, come to the CAPM Board with a resolution or action plan. Mr. Tran suggested that CAPM ask the Mayo Clinic about its contracting goals.

IX. DISCUSSION: HERITAGE DINNER

Ms. Her reported that the 2014 Heritage Dinner yielded a positive balance of \$1,344 and turned out 410 guests. The Dinner was organized entirely by staff with minimal help from the Board. Madame Chair Batika posed an overarching question: How can the Dinner be organized with such limited staff capacity and does CAPM want to continue hosting the Heritage Dinner each year? The majority of the Council Members said yes.

Madame Chair Batika asked the Council Members to identify the event's objective(s). Mr. Lee suggested the event focus on leadership rather than culture, and that it should be shorter. Ms. Outar agreed that the event should be shorter. Ms. Tripp suggested that CAPM identifies the event's goals and audience, and that such a task should be assigned to a smaller committee. Mr. Tran suggested changing the event name to "Leadership Dinner." Mr. Liyanapathirana agreed with previous suggestions about name change and shorter event length.

On the matter of how CAPM could organize a successful dinner given that CAPM doesn't have the staff capacity to organize it, Mr. Liyanapathirana suggested hiring an events planner. Dr. Ngodup pointed out that the bottom line depends on CAPM's ability to recruit attendees; therefore the effort must come from Council Members, not only from an events planner. Mr. Lee suggested moving the date if the dinner will no longer be called "Heritage Dinner" so that CAPM staff is not overwhelmed during the legislative session.

Mr. Thakur asked that the Events Committee convene on this issue and report back to the Board with a resolution addressing "how" CAPM should proceed.

X. DISCUSSION: DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Madame Chair Batika clarified CAPM's role as it relates to this festival: CAPM cannot organize/plan the festival to the extent it has done in recent history. CAPM fully supports



the festival and can participate as a vendor, but CAPM cannot organize the festival moving forward, especially in light of the OLA Report.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee: No updates.

Government Relations Committee: Committee Chair Tran highly encouraged all Council Members to invite their communities and attend the 2014 Legislative Recap Event on July 19, 2014.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Community Events:

Mr. Hach announced that the Cambodian temple in Hampton will host the Jade Buddha on August 6-10, 2014.

Mr. Thakur informed the Board that Ramadan is currently being celebrated in various Muslim Asian communities.

Ms. Shah announced that India Fest will take place on the Capitol lawn on August 16, 2014. She also informed the Board that there is an Indian women's soccer team currently in town.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58PM.